



North Light AI and UNH Professional Development & Training Launch New Asynchronous AI Certificate for K-12 Educators

LessonDesk Learning Provides Highly Affordable Program for Decisions K-12 Educators Face Every Day

DURHAM, NH, UNITED STATES, September 1, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [LessonDesk Learning](#), a product of North Light AI, and the University of New Hampshire Professional Development & Training today announced [AI Judgment & Practice for K-12 Educators](#), a new fully asynchronous professional learning certificate designed to help educators navigate the decisions artificial intelligence is creating across classrooms and school systems.



LessonDesk Learning and UNH Professional Development & Training, partners in AI Judgment & Practice for K-12 Educators

Rather than focusing primarily on AI tools or prompting techniques, the certificate centers on professional judgment: how to evaluate AI-generated materials, preserve meaningful student thinking, redesign assessment, protect sensitive information, and make responsible classroom and schoolwide decisions.

"Educators don't need another course telling them that AI is going to change everything," said Andrew Mitchell, President and CEO of North Light AI. "They need practical ways to determine what deserves their trust, what requires closer review, what protects or undermines learning, and when AI simply does not belong in the work. That is what this certificate was built to help them do."

The need for practical guidance is growing quickly. Nationally representative RAND research found that 53% of surveyed English language arts, mathematics, and science teachers used AI for instructional planning or teaching during the 2024-25 school year. A 2026 Gallup survey found that only 18% of U.S. public K-12 teachers reported receiving formal guidance from school administrators about how AI tools should be used in their work.



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"Educators are being asked to make decisions about AI in real time, often without the benefit of clear, relevant professional learning," said Valerie Brodeur, K-12 Education Program Manager at [UNH Professional Development & Training](#). "This certificate gives teachers and school leaders an opportunity to build their knowledge and confidence so they can make informed decisions across changing tools, policies, and classroom situations. That ongoing learning is an important part of what continuing education should provide."

Across six modules, participants examine questions such as: Can this AI-generated material actually be trusted? Is AI supporting student thinking or replacing it? What evidence demonstrates that a student has learned? What information should never be entered into an AI system? How should educators respond to student AI use? How can schools create clearer and more consistent expectations?

The certificate includes six modules, applied assessments, six Portfolio Studios, practical resources, and a final capstone. No technical background or prior AI expertise is required.

Participants who successfully complete the program earn 1.2 Continuing Education Units, representing 12 contact hours, and receive a Certificate of Completion from UNH Professional Development & Training.

The certificate is designed for classroom teachers, instructional coaches, curriculum leaders, specialists, school administrators, technology leaders, and district teams.

Individual enrollment is \$129. Team and PLC pricing is \$99 per participant for groups of 5-15, and school pricing is \$79 per participant for groups of 16-100. Districts enrolling 101 or more participants receive custom volume pricing beginning at \$59 per participant.

"Schools do not need every educator improvising their own AI rules in isolation," Mitchell said. "They need shared language, shared expectations, and a defensible process for deciding what responsible use looks like."

Enrollment for AI Judgment & Practice for K-12 Educators is now open.

Educators and school leaders can learn more, enroll individually, or inquire about school and district participation at northlight.learnworlds.com.

About LessonDesk Learning

LessonDesk Learning is a product of North Light AI that develops professional certificates, curriculum, workshops, and practical resources for educators, schools, districts, and institutional partners.

About North Light AI

North Light AI is an applied artificial intelligence company focused on practical implementation, education, workforce development, training, and responsible organizational use of AI.

About UNH Professional Development & Training

University of New Hampshire Professional Development & Training provides continuing education opportunities for individuals, organizations, and schools through professional development programs, certificate programs, online learning, and customized training.

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